pp 8 - 9: "Here's a Hand, Young Comrade!" by V. Savin, Chairman, CC DOSAAF, Belorussia. Eighteen years ago Ya. I. Aksel' approached the Central Committee of Belorussia about starting up an independently operating youth radio club. The idea was greeted warmly, necessary help was given, and a room was made available. First-class radio operators such as Vladimir Kosarev got their start through the club, whose pride is collective station UK2AAB. The station has 270 countries and territories of the world to its credit, and its operators earned the right to represent Minsk during the XXIInd Olympic Games. This was the first youth radio club in Belorussia and received the name "Distant Countries." There are now more than 20 such clubs in Belorussia. To increase the network further, more teachers with a knowledge of radiosport need to be trained. The most critical problem is that of rooms. The legal status of youth radio clubs based on place of residence needs to be clarified, and instead of being forced to rely on a "catch-as-catch-can" approach for meeting their needs, funds -- often remaining unused -- available to housing administrations for youth work should be tapped.

pp 10 - 11: "Radioamateur Triple Event," by Yu. Starostin, Chairman, Mixed Event Committee, Federation of Radio Sport of the USSR; senior competition judge. Twenty-nine Moscow radioamateurs showed up at the Mytishchinsk DOSAAF firing range for the radioamateur triple event (RLT - radiolyubitel'skoye troyebor'ye) -- shooting, direction-finding, and a short-wave contest. These first experimental competitions were held 10 - 12 October 1980. The contest was run using R-104 stations with the operators starting out in a circle with a 50-meter radius and working only each other; unfortunately lighter equipment is needed for field work. The pictures on p 11 show, top to bottom, shooting exercise, preparing for the start of the direction-finding event, and A. Tint at his station. Positive comments on the new form of competition by participants are quoted.

pp 12 - 13: "CQ-U."

QRP News. V. Druzenko, RB5IXK, reports that in August and Septembe he was active on 160m using a direct-conversion with an output power of one Watt. He worked 6 call areas of the USSR and 33 oblasts, achieving distances of up to 1500 km. RB5IXK's transceiver is entirely transistorized and his antenna a suspended wire 70 meters in length with lengthening coils, up 12m. Article by V. Gromov, UV3GM.

144/430 MHz Aurora. Aurora propagation was observed eight times in October, compared to five times in the three preceding months put togeth Despite the usual predictability of aurora propagation, UA3LBO had two "non-standard" QSO's -- with LA8YB on 144 MHz and with SMØFZH on 430 MHz -- on 4 October, when the aurora spread down as far as 50° geomagnetic latitude. On 25 October UA1ZCL worked SM2IUE, SM2GCQ, and SM2ILF.

p 16 - 1st page of insert: "His Star," by A. Gusev. About Vladimir Bagdyan, designer of a high-speed display usable for meteor transmission decoding. He got personal call-sign RA3AIS in 1970. The display prints out in Arabic numerals and in either the Russian or Latin alphabet. The first page of the insert opposite the article contains a color photo of Ultrashortwave Radiocommunication Master of Sport Bagdyan, RA3AIS, as well as pictures of the display and of the equipment.

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